

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CHILDREN'S BUREAU

MONTHLY RELIEF BULLETIN

JULY RELIEF IN 125 CITIES
OF 50,000 OR MORE POPULATIONJuly Relief 4 Per Cent below June
and 87 Per Cent above July, 1931

July expenditures for relief dropped slightly below the amount expended in June but remained far above the July expenditures of a year ago, according to reports received by the United States Children's Bureau from 976 agencies and divisions of departments in 125 cities of 50,000 or more population located in all sections of the country.

During July \$21,760,238 was expended, in comparison with \$22,610,838 during June, a decrease of nearly 4 per cent. This reduction is similar to that shown for July in previous years.

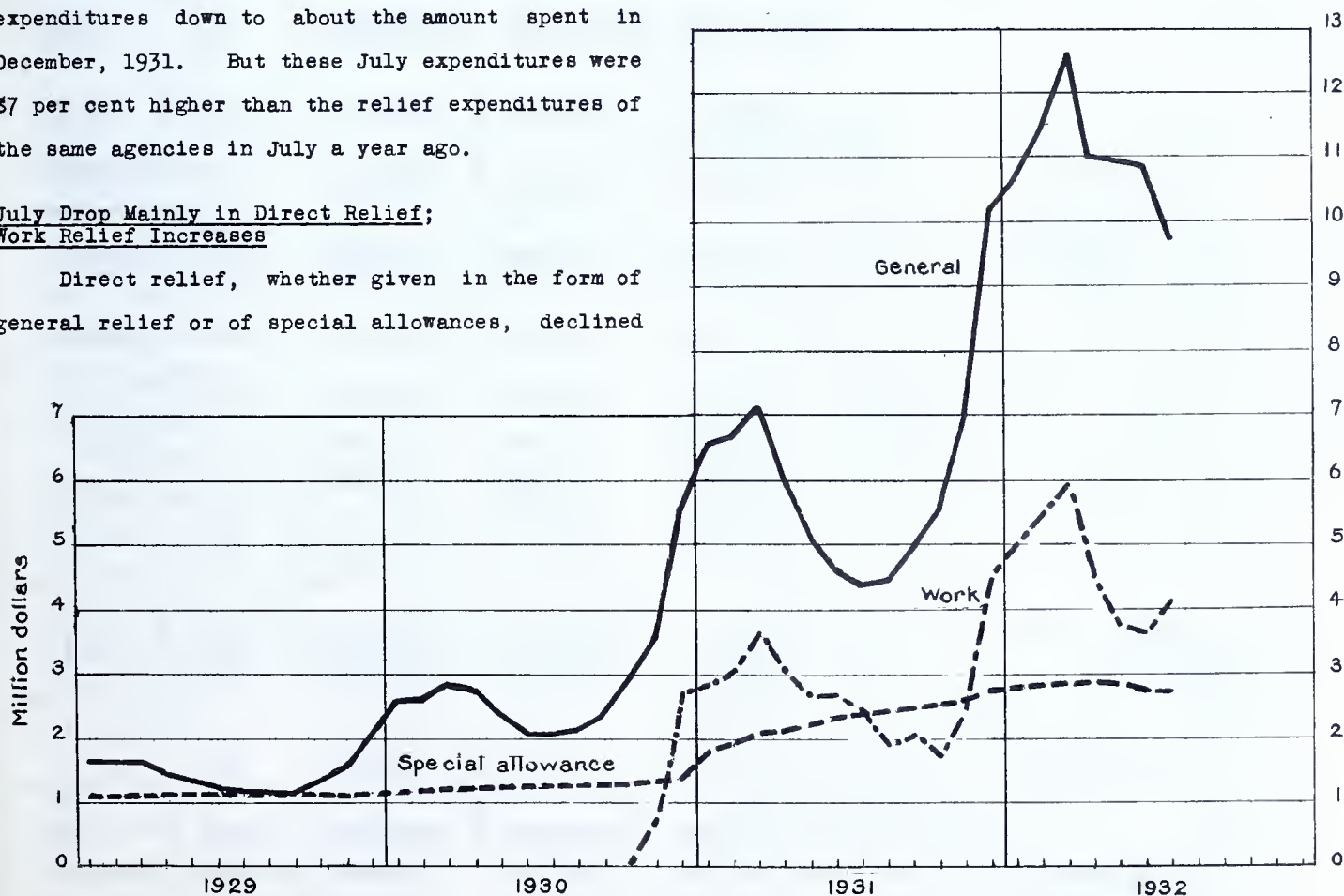
The irregular but continued drop in relief since the peak month of March has brought July expenditures down to about the amount spent in December, 1931. But these July expenditures were 87 per cent higher than the relief expenditures of the same agencies in July a year ago.

July Drop Mainly in Direct Relief;
Work Relief Increases

Direct relief, whether given in the form of general relief or of special allowances, declined

noticeably in July, as is illustrated in the accompanying diagram. Work relief, however, followed the lessened rate of decrease in June by a sharp turn upward in July.

The downward trend in general relief reduced expenditures for this purpose from \$15,303,034 in June to \$14,012,976 in July, a drop of 8.4 per cent. As is shown in Table 1 on the next page, the downward movement affected all types of general relief but in varying degree. Expenditures by emergency relief committees and for general public relief by city departments decreased especially rapidly. The Salvation Army, nonsectarian family societies, and county relief departments ex-



Amount of Relief—247 General, 87 Special-Allowance, and 50 Work-Relief Agencies—January, 1929, to July, 1932

pendent only slightly less in July than in June.

Special allowances from public funds for mothers' aid, old-age relief, and aid for the blind continued the gradual declines noted in recent issues of the relief bulletin. The total expended in July amounted to \$3,381,566 in comparison with \$3,299,082 in June, a drop of 2.4 per cent.

Work relief rose from \$3,926,236 in June to \$4,448,180 in July, an increase of 13.3 per cent. The upward trend was noticeably strong in work relief administered by private agencies. Relief of this type in July was 26.7 per cent above the amount expended in June. Work relief administered by public departments increased 9.7 per cent during the same period.

Wide Variation since July, 1931
in Upward Trend in Different
Types of Relief

While all types of relief showed the marked influence of an upward trend in expenditure between July, 1931, and July, 1932, the actual and relative amount of increase varied widely. (See Table 1.)

The total expended in July for general relief rose from \$6,249,703 in 1931 to \$14,012,976 in 1932, an increase of 124.2 per cent. Work relief totaled \$2,519,665 in July, 1931, and \$4,448,180 in July, 1932, an upward change of 76.5 per cent. Special allowances mounted from \$2,848,681 in July last year to \$3,299,082 in July this year, an increase of 15.8 per cent.

The amount of general relief furnished by

Table 1. - Amounts expended for different types of relief by 976 agencies or divisions of departments in 125 cities and city areas in July, 1932, and comparison with June, 1932, and July, 1931

Type of relief and administrative agency	Number of reports	Amounts expended			Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	
		July 1931	June 1932	July 1932	June, 1932 to July, 1932	July, 1931 to July, 1932
Total relief	<u>976</u>	<u>\$11,618,049</u>	<u>\$22,610,838</u>	<u>\$21,760,238</u>	<u>-3.8</u>	<u>+87.3</u>
General relief	<u>696</u>	<u>6,249,703</u>	<u>15,303,034</u>	<u>14,012,976</u>	<u>-8.4</u>	<u>+124.2</u>
General public relief:						
County departments	30	517,321	3,155,112	3,106,808	-1.5	+500.6
City departments	92	2,906,410	6,838,538	5,968,822	-12.7	+105.4
Veterans' relief:						
Public departments	42	605,210	1,106,681	1,010,137	-8.7	+66.9
Private agencies	90	47,366	74,363	67,277	-9.5	+42.0
Emergency relief committees	37	39,394	492,981	297,160	-39.7	+654.3
Nonsectarian family societies	128	1,389,912	2,700,624	2,666,746	-1.3	+91.9
Jewish agencies	64	283,155	393,382	373,466	-5.1	+31.9
Catholic agencies	51	271,200	312,338	295,848	-5.3	+9.1
Salvation Army	88	110,641	124,312	123,615	-0.6	+11.7
Other	74	79,094	104,703	103,097	-1.5	+30.3
Special allowances from public funds	<u>177</u>	<u>2,848,681</u>	<u>3,381,566</u>	<u>3,299,082</u>	<u>-2.4</u>	<u>+15.8</u>
Mothers' aid	95	1,811,665	1,887,189	1,862,037	-1.3	+2.8
Old-age relief	36	892,123	1,329,647	1,272,679	-4.3	+42.7
Aid for the blind	46	144,893	164,730	164,366	-0.2	+13.4
Work relief	<u>103</u>	<u>2,519,665</u>	<u>3,926,238</u>	<u>4,448,180</u>	<u>+13.3</u>	<u>+76.5</u>
Public departments	59	2,300,450	3,089,473	3,388,004	+9.7	+47.3
Private agencies	44	219,215	836,765	1,060,176	+26.7	+383.6

Table 2. - Families aided by 782 agencies or divisions of departments in 125 cities and city areas in July, 1932, and comparison with June, 1932, and July, 1931

Type of relief and administrative agency	Number of reports	Number of families aided			Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	
		July 1931	June 1932	July 1932	June, 1932 to July, 1932	July, 1931 to July, 1932
Total families	<u>782</u>	<u>361,978</u>	<u>755,715</u>	<u>761,372</u>	<u>+0.7</u>	<u>+110.3</u>
General relief	<u>616</u>	<u>293,513</u>	<u>668,912</u>	<u>673,147</u>	<u>+0.6</u>	<u>+129.3</u>
General public relief:						
County departments	21	43,414	127,236	136,020	+6.9	+213.3
City departments	67	91,859	250,143	243,084	-2.8	+164.6
Veterans' relief:						
Public departments	38	19,729	40,313	37,489	-7.0	+90.0
Private agencies	89	3,518	6,091	5,863	-3.7	+66.7
Emergency relief committees	24	384	8,570	12,527	+46.2	+226.2
Nonsectarian family societies	116	74,735	173,123	175,144	+1.2	+134.4
Jewish agencies	63	7,776	12,092	12,063	-0.2	+55.1
Catholic agencies	49	23,005	22,542	20,538	-8.9	-10.7
Salvation Army	86	24,497	20,314	22,140	+9.0	-9.6
Other	63	4,596	8,488	8,279	-2.5	+80.1
Special allowances from public funds	<u>166</u>	<u>68,465</u>	<u>86,803</u>	<u>88,225</u>	<u>+1.6</u>	<u>+28.9</u>
Mothers' aid	90	36,081	39,196	39,453	+0.7	+9.3
Old-age relief	33	27,269	42,159	43,318	+2.7	+58.9
Aid for the blind	43	5,115	5,448	5,454	+0.1	+6.6

emergency relief committees was seven and one-half times as great in July of this year as in the corresponding month a year ago. The growing dependence upon the county as a financing and administrative unit for relief is reflected in a July, 1932, expenditure for general public relief by county departments which is six times as large as in July, 1931.

Work relief administered by private agencies increased nearly fivefold. City departments spent twice as much for general public relief. The relief expenditures of nonsectarian family societies increased to about the same extent. Veterans' relief provided through public departments expanded by two-thirds.

All other types of relief, as measured by July expenditures, increased less than 50 per cent during the year. The smallest increase (2.8 per cent) was reported for mothers' aid.

Changes in Number of Families Aided

In contrast to the reduced expenditures for all types of direct relief between June and July of this year, there was an increase in the number of families receiving certain types of assistance. Emergency relief committees gave aid to 46.2 per cent more families than in June. Families receiving relief from the Salvation Army increased 9 per cent; county relief departments, 6.9 per cent; old-age relief, 2.7 per cent; nonsectarian family societies, 1.2 per cent.

The total number of families aided by the 782 agencies providing this information increased from 755,715 in June to 761,372 in July, a change of seven-tenths of 1 per cent. The number of families receiving general relief was six-tenths of 1 per cent, and of those receiving special allowances, 1.6 per cent, larger than in June.

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Table 3. - Amounts expended for total relief and for work relief by 842 agencies or divisions of departments in 101 cities and city areas in July, 1932, and comparison with June, 1932, and July, 1931

Cities and city areas included in this table are those for which reports from public and private agencies are believed to be sufficiently complete for use in determining local trends. Figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

State and city or city area	Number of reports	Amounts expended						Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)			
		Total relief		Work relief		July 1932	Total relief June, 1932 to July, 1932	Total relief July, 1931 to July, 1932		Work relief June, 1932 to July, 1932	
		July 1931	June 1932	July 1932	July 1931			July, 1931 to July, 1932	July, 1931 to July, 1932	June, 1932 to July, 1932	July, 1932 to July, 1932
ALABAMA											
Birmingham area	4	\$29,329	\$54,696	\$47,570	\$20,256	\$5,299	\$2,780	+62.2	-47.5	-86.3	(1)
Mobile	4	528	4,392	2,504	-	2,119	333	+374.2	-84.3	(1)	
CALIFORNIA											
Berkeley area	7	19,183	33,736	34,777	-	204	-	+81.3	(1)	-	
Los Angeles area	10	1,187,403	642,798	341,844	961,458	22,800	17,363	-71.2	-23.8	-98.2	
Oakland	8	102,945	109,328	121,789	-	-	-	+18.3	-	-	
Sacramento area	8	19,813	26,578	20,032	-	-	-	+1.1	-	-	
San Francisco	20	166,441	628,382	610,110	52,228	309,201	261,401	+266.6	-15.5	+400.5	
COLORADO											
Denver area	11	23,714	64,716	61,056	-	10,949	11,970	+157.5	+9.3	(1)	
CONNECTICUT											
Bridgeport area 2/	5	69,862	126,699	133,301	30,441	66,782	80,231	+90.8	+20.1	+163.6	
Hartford area	9	89,603	149,365	149,830	-	25,064	24,211	+67.2	-3.4	(1)	
New Britain	7	23,492	97,804	80,652	-	-	-	+243.3	-	-	
New Haven area	10	68,754	120,155	122,397	40,000	67,576	72,677	+78.0	+7.5	+81.7	
DELAWARE											
Wilmington	11	18,118	97,320	589,101	-	49,036	533,049	+2,151.5	+987.1	(1)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
Washington	12	32,576	64,199	67,461	-	2,721	-	+107.1	(1)	-	
FLORIDA											
Jacksonville area	5	4,188	7,544	9,688	-	3,507	4,842	+131.3	+38.1	(1)	
ILLINOIS											
Chicago	15	743,297	2,734,370	2,958,123	-	154,141	182,738	+298.0	+18.6	(1)	
Cicero	4	4,939	20,216	24,425	-	-	-	+394.5	-	-	
Evanston	4	8,950	24,493	23,313	-	-	-	+160.5	-	-	
Oak Park	4	1,327	2,356	3,327	-	-	-	+150.7	-	-	
Springfield area 2/	6	8,468	15,660	16,812	-	-	-	+98.5	-	-	
INDIANA											
Evansville area	4	19,431	47,880	41,301	-	3,910	3,441	+112.6	-12.0	(1)	
Fort Wayne area	2/ 9	14,130	38,467	50,895	-	-	-	+260.2	-	-	
Indianapolis area	11	(4)	92,480	97,332	471	354	330	(4)	-6.8	-29.9	
South Bend	5	31,386	35,405	35,658	-	-	-	+13.6	-	-	
Terre Haute	6	7,155	14,916	15,594	-	-	-	+117.9	-	-	
IOWA											
Sioux City	10	6,912	20,174	20,353	-	-	-	+194.5	-	-	
KANSAS											
Wichita	9	6,825	15,919	15,974	-	-	-	+134.1	-	-	

	7	2,938	4,028	3,142	-	1,545	789	-22.0	+6.9	-48.9	(1)
MAINE											
Portland	6	(4)	25,635	27,686	(4)	-	-	+8.0	(4)	-	(4)
MARYLAND											
Baltimore 2/	7	69,674	323,172	329,337	-	166,068	192,616	+1.9	+372.7	+16.0	(1)
MASSACHUSETTS											
Boston	14	631,386	1,178,405	1,105,504	-	-	-	-6.2	+75.1	-	-
Brookton	10	27,102	39,028	45,080	-	-	-	+15.5	+66.3	-	-
Fall River	7	40,675	124,167	123,923	-	-	-	+0.2	+204.7	-	(4)
Lawrence	8	(4)	83,051	85,866	(4)	-	-	+3.4	(4)	-	(4)
Lowell	7	66,665	69,416	68,879	34,190	-	-	-0.8	+3.3	-	(1)
Lynn	10	44,072	87,986	97,408	-	-	-	+10.7	+121.0	-	-
Malden	2/	20,763	42,916	44,729	-	-	-	+4.2	+115.4	-	-
New Bedford	8	57,872	106,701	112,753	-	-	-	+5.7	+94.8	-	-
Newton	11	8,957	27,234	23,401	-	1,029	3,121	-14.1	+161.3	+203.3	(1)
Springfield area	14	95,064	166,227	196,267	-	-	-	+18.1	+106.5	-	-
Worcester	9	103,143	205,706	197,129	-	-	-	-4.2	+91.1	-	-
MICHIGAN											
Detroit area	17	797,937	720,475	610,152	-	32,334	6,368	-15.3	-23.5	-80.3	(1)
Flint	5	43,450	92,945	64,185	-	(5)	(5)	-30.9	+47.7	(1)	-
Grand Rapids area	7	72,848	104,699	103,662	55,663	-	-	-1.0	+42.3	-	(1)
Pontiac area	6	20,779	64,156	48,478	-	-	-	-24.4	+133.3	-	-
Saginaw area	4	37,868	34,997	33,577	-	-	-	-4.1	-11.3	-	-
MINNESOTA											
Minneapolis	11	79,210	193,566	188,191	-	6/ 4,063	(6)	-2.8	+137.6	(1)	(1)
St. Paul area	11	33,720	87,290	92,988	-	-	-	+6.5	+175.8	-	-
MISSOURI											
Kansas City	7	52,725	262,219	263,030	20,021	198,769	210,433	+0.3	+398.9	+5.9	+951.1
St. Louis area	11	89,468	217,683	141,534	-	-	-	-35.0	+58.2	-	-
NEBRASKA											
Omaha area 2/	11	17,520	18,131	17,369	-	-	-	-4.2	-0.9	-	-
NEW JERSEY											
Newark	10	157,358	187,376	212,126	-	-	-	+13.2	+34.8	-	-
The Oranges	12	26,890	45,765	48,501	-	-	-	+6.0	+80.4	-	-
NEW YORK											
Albany	12	31,618	41,992	53,894	-	6,167	19,443	+28.3	+70.5	+215.3	(1)
Buffalo area	20	308,066	728,462	750,818	-	71,771	68,238	+3.1	+143.7	-4.9	(1)
New Rochelle	7	4,639	31,503	30,274	-	13,871	11,185	-3.9	+552.6	-19.4	(1)
New York	28	3,400,523	6,196,980	5,938,343	1,038,118	2,176,081	2,168,963	-4.2	+74.6	-0.3	+108.9
Niagara Falls	10	33,568	88,333	87,774	-	22,400	27,118	-0.6	+161.5	+21.1	(1)
Rochester	10	269,827	308,160	304,234	30,000	-	-	-1.3	+12.8	-	(1)
Syracuse	13	86,608	229,749	227,279	-	71,620	70,904	-1.1	+162.4	-1.0	(1)
Utica area	10	30,936	82,799	85,353	-	17,754	11,938	+3.1	+175.9	-32.8	(1)
Yonkers	10	39,455	145,044	159,256	-	53,773	68,506	+9.8	+303.6	+27.4	(1)
NORTH CAROLINA											
Asheville 2/	4	2,034	5,810	6,951	-	2,887	3,561	+19.6	+241.7	+23.4	(1)
Winston-Salem	2	6,880	4,725	3,701	-	-	-	-21.7	-46.2	-	-
OHIO											
Akron area	10	26,327	61,894	65,431	-	-	-	+5.7	+148.5	-	-
Canton area	3	25,133	49,432	50,102	-	-	-	+1.4	+99.3	-	-
Cincinnati area 2/	9	129,770	316,911	344,477	32,487	123,425	150,453	+8.7	+165.3	+21.9	+363.1
Cleveland area	9	303,052	481,017	490,718	2,402	-	-	+2.0	+61.9	-	(1)
Columbus area	15	46,342	154,711	156,545	-	90,751	95,538	+1.2	+237.8	+5.3	(1)
Dayton area	11	35,768	74,021	81,043	8,286	14,424	14,792	+9.5	+126.6	+2.6	+78.5
Toledo area	5	81,234	90,730	84,310	-	-	-	-7.1	+3.8	-	-

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OREGON	7	\$135,800	\$155,219	\$170,442	\$108,908	\$124,112	+25.5	+13.3	+14.0
PORTLAND area									
PENNSYLVANIA	3	23,580	40,880	39,946	-	-	+69.4	-	-
Allentown area	2/4	8,277	20,747	19,948	-	-	+141.0	-	-
Bethlehem area	10	9,393	51,187	53,796	-	-	+472.7	-	-
Chester area	6	26,221	56,767	67,316	-	-	+156.7	-	-
Erie area	3/11	264,490	1,003,872	120,775	-	-	-54.3	-	-
Philadelphia	11	229,669	635,471	601,425	64,890	34,000	+161.9	-54.8	-47.6
Pittsburgh area	5	27,716	55,687	51,873	-	-	+87.2	-	-
Soranton	5	4,734	10,115	10,635	-	-	+124.7	-	-
Sharon area	5	37,014	93,655	103,171	-	-	+178.7	-	-
Wilkes-Barre area									
RHODE ISLAND	12	72,919	167,540	186,104	28,670	91,974	+155.2	+22.8	+220.8
PROVIDENCE									
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	1,008	1,823	1,953	-	-	+93.8	-	-
CHARLESTON									
TENNESSEE	6	5,410	14,801	11,224	4,033	9,158	+107.5	-27.1	+127.1
Knoxville area	5	16,193	10,331	11,293	-	-	-30.3	-	-
Memphis area	3	2,573	4,938	6,025	-	-	+134.2	-	-
Nashville area									
TEXAS	6	11,602	18,471	19,189	4,900	9,772	+65.4	+5.9	+99.4
Dallas area	2	3,483	5,287	7,218	-	-	+107.2	-	-
El Paso area	4	7,311	14,534	13,764	-	-	+88.3	-	-
Fort Worth area	6	8,382	14,662	10,952	-	-	+30.7	-	-
Houston area	5	2,612	2,814	2,580	-	-	-1.2	-	-
San Antonio area									
VIRGINIA	6	1,835	2,575	4,257	-	-	+132.0	-	-
Norfolk area	7	12,654	22,119	25,338	-	-	+100.2	-	-
Richmond area	4	1,768	3,902	5,345	-	-	+202.3	-	-
Roanoke									
WASHINGTON	8	26,483	183,810	187,518	-	-	+608.1	-	-
Seattle area	7	13,744	28,118	45,527	-	-	+231.3	-	-
Tacoma area									
WISCONSIN	8	24,725	53,483	73,909	-	-	+198.9	-	-
Kenosha area	10	243,849	671,021	662,427	17,303	23,947	+171.7	+136.5	+38.4
Milwaukee area	8	59,081	72,149	69,828	21,372	2,272	+18.2	-15.3	-89.4
Racine area									

1/ Work relief given in only one of the months compared.

2/ Reports of one or more important agencies known to be missing.

3/ Different from count in previous month's bulletin because one or more agencies functioned during some month in that comparison, but not in any month shown in this tabulation.

4/ Figures not available.

5/ Amount of work relief is not separately reported but is included in total expenditures.

6/ Work relief, administered as an incidental part of the program of one or more agencies, is not included here.

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Between July, 1931, and July, 1932, the number of families receiving general relief increased 129.3 per cent and of those receiving special allowances, 28.9 per cent.

The average relief grant per family receiving general relief was \$18.66 in July, 1932; \$19.11 in June, 1932; and \$18.68 in July, 1931. The average relief grant in the form of a special allowance from public funds was \$34.75 in July, 1932; \$35.53 in June, 1932; and \$39.09 in July, 1931.

Cities and City Areas with Complete Reports

An earlier date for relief tabulations and reorganization programs under way in certain localities reduced somewhat the number of reports received in time for inclusion in the summaries in this issue of the bulletin.

However, the number of cities and city areas with sufficiently complete reports for comparative listing of relief expenditures in Table 3 increased this month to 101 of the 125 cities forwarding one or more reports. Last month only 99 cities were sufficiently complete for such listing.

The following cities omitted in June were included this month: Cicero, Dallas, Norfolk, Richmond, and Sharon. Delayed reports caused the exclusion of Harrisburg, Tulsa, and San Diego, three cities listed in the June bulletin.

Lack of reports from important relief-giving agencies is necessitating the continued exclusion of the following cities from the list in Table 3:

<u>Florida</u>	<u>New Jersey</u> (Continued)
Miami	Paterson
<u>Georgia</u>	Trenton
Atlanta	<u>Ohio</u>
<u>Iowa</u>	Springfield
Des Moines	Youngstown
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>
Kansas City	Oklahoma City
Topeka	<u>Pennsylvania</u>
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Altoona
Cambridge	Lancaster
Somerville	Reading
<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Duluth	Salt Lake City
<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>West Virginia</u>
Bayonne	Huntington
Camden	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Jersey City	Madison

Changes in City Totals for Relief

Fifty-nine of the 101 cities and city areas included in Table 3 spent more for relief in July than in June. The following reported increases in total relief amounting to 20 per cent or more: Wilmington, New Orleans, Norfolk, Tacoma, Oak Park,

Kenosha, Roanoke, El Paso, Fort Wayne, Jacksonville, Albany, Nashville, and Cicero. In certain places the increase was due mainly to a larger expenditure for work relief, although more was expended for direct relief in a number of cities.

Cities and city areas reporting decreases of 20 per cent or more in total relief were as follows: Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Mobile, St. Louis, Flint, Houston, Sacramento, Pontiac, Knoxville, Shreveport, and Winston-Salem. While the decreases were due in certain places to a lessened amount of work relief, they were caused mainly by reductions in the amount expended for direct relief. For instance, in Philadelphia the exhaustion of the funds of the bureau of unemployment relief resulted in the termination of expenditures for direct relief which had amounted to nearly a million dollars a month.

Between July, 1931, and July, 1932, increases were reported by 90 of the 98 cities and city areas with complete reports for both periods. In 4 cities the increase was 500 per cent or more; in 6 cities, between 300 and 500 per cent; and in 45 cities, between 100 and 300 per cent.

The median change between June, 1932, and July, 1932, was an increase of 2 per cent; between July, 1931, and July, 1932, an increase of 115 per cent.

Trends in Meals and Lodgings

The number of meals provided for homeless and transient persons increased 1 per cent in July and the number of night's lodgings decreased 2 per cent, according to reports received from 162 agencies.

Table 4. - Meals and night's lodgings provided by 162 agencies in 60 cities and city areas in July, 1932, and comparison with June, 1931, July, 1931, and June, 1932.

Number	Meals		Night's lodgings	
	Total	Daily average	Total	Daily average
June, 1931	366,620	12,887	153,432	5,114
July, 1931	366,074	11,809	135,747	4,379
June, 1932	835,747	27,858	263,034	8,768
July, 1932	872,058	28,131	266,234	8,588
<u>Per cent increase or decrease</u>				
June to July, 1931	-	-8.4	-	-14.4
June to July, 1932	-	+1.0	-	-2.1
July, 1931 to July, 1932	-	+138.2	-	+96.1

cise in 60 cities of 50,000 or more population.

Last year the same agencies provided about 8 per cent fewer meals in July than in June, and about 14 per cent fewer lodgings.

FEDERAL RELIEF

A total of \$18,121,669 had been made available through September 2 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, for supplementary use in meeting current emergency relief needs in the following States:

Alabama: \$225,000 for use in Birmingham and Jefferson County
 Florida: \$500,000
 Idaho: \$300,000
 Illinois: \$3,000,000 on July 27 and \$6,000,000 on August 18
 Louisiana: \$1,096,084 for use in certain parishes
 Michigan: \$1,800,000 for use in the City of Detroit
 North Dakota: \$50,000 for use in Ward County and the City of Minot
 Ohio: \$842,585 on August 3 and \$768,000 on August 18 for use in certain counties
 South Dakota: \$150,000
 Utah: \$390,000 for use in Salt Lake City and Tooele County
 Wisconsin: \$3,000,000

By July 2 the American National Red Cross had aided 2,836,771 families through the flour distribution made possible by the act of Congress authorizing use of Government-owned wheat for the relief of distress. On July 30 the number of families aided had increased to 3,210,343 and on Sep-

tember 3, to 3,583,831. Chapters applying for flour totaled 3,189 on September 3 in comparison with 3,003 on July 2. Distribution was also made in 74 Indian reservations.

Cotton distributed by the Red Cross began in August. By September 2 applications for cotton had been received from 708 chapters in behalf of 1,046,909 families. Area offices had approved applications for 8,737,740 yards of cloth.

STATE REPORTS

Beginning with the next issue of the bulletin it is planned to present figures showing changes in monthly totals for relief under public administration in States compiling such data on a statewide basis.

New York is the first State for which approximately complete information is available on amounts expended by public officials for general relief and work relief and the number of families aided.

As is shown in Table 5, public agencies in 106 welfare districts cooperating with the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration expended \$4,771,398 in July in comparison with \$4,675,615 in June, an increase of 2.0 per cent. In July 167,249 families were aided, a decrease of 1.3 per cent from the 169,368 families aided in June.

Table 5. - Amounts expended for relief and number of families aided during June and July, 1932, by public agencies in 106 welfare districts cooperating with the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration

	Amount of relief			Number of families aided 1/		
	June 1932	July 1932	Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	June 1932	July 1932	Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)
New York State						
Home relief	\$4,675,615	\$4,771,398	+2.0	169,368	167,249	-1.3
Work relief	2,439,333	2,548,771	+4.5	116,225	116,391	+0.1
	2,236,282	2,222,627	-0.6	59,176	59,198	(2)
New York City	2,407,995	2,417,257	+0.4	76,153	73,385	-3.6
Home relief	909,979	917,431	+0.8	42,036	39,275	-6.6
Work relief	1,498,016	1,499,826	+0.1	34,117	34,110	(2)
Other cities with 50,000 or more population	1,147,239	1,243,883	+8.4	47,823	49,043	+2.6
Home relief	873,381	943,003	+8.0	40,913	42,002	+3.9
Work relief	273,858	300,880	+9.9	9,214	13,434	+45.8
Rest of State	1,120,381	1,110,256	-0.9	45,392	44,821	-1.3
Home relief	655,973	688,337	+4.9	33,776	35,114	+4.0
Work relief	464,408	421,921	-9.1	15,845	11,654	-26.5

1/ Duplication in counts of families receiving home relief and work relief eliminated in total as given for families aided.
 2/ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.